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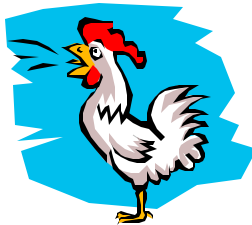
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was mostly about steady to barely steady. Demand was slow to fair with little or no optimism present. Supplies were adequate to ample. In parts of the Midwest, a power outage yesterday affected some business operations and deliveries for distributors. In the parts structure, wings were in good balance and moving well. Breast items continued to be in the longest position and hard to clear, and all other items were at least adequate with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 59.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.00 cents last year on the 16th of June, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
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BREASTS - B/S	146.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	91.00
LEG QUARTERS	21.50
WINGS	52.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 06/10/00	2000	1999	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	185,778	185,387	0
CHICKS PLACED	149.009	146.905	+01

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Up Slightly

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 186 million eggs during the week ending June 10, 2000. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 149 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 10, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through June 10, 2000, were 3.38 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Jul-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.14 CENTS PER POUND.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair. Offerings continued to outweigh the limited demand. Retail and distributive movement was slow to moderate at best. The market tone was barely steady. In the parts market, breast items were fully adequate to ample, wings were about adequate, and the balance was at least adequate.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand continued light with little trading activity. Supplies were more than sufficient to handle current limited needs. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were in the best balance and received most interest. All other items were at least adequate with slow to fair movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable to slightly heavier.

MIDWEST Whole broiler/fryer trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings of additional product adequate or available with smaller sized WOGs less available. Distributor interest limited and cautious with little optimism for increased demand near term. Retail movement continued slow to fair at best. Food service demand noted as slow to fair with movement in Chicago fairly good. A power outage in the Detroit Metro area Tuesday left some distributors without electricity until early Wednesday; business operations and deliveries were affected. Floor stocks were adequate to ample, sizes desirable to heavier than desired. Trading on parts was mixed and generally inactive on all items. Supplies readily available with boneless/skinless breasts in the longest position. Trade sentiment steady on wings and leg quarters, cautiously steady on breast items.

WESTERN The market tone was about steady. Offerings ample. Retailer demand good where features ran, moderate elsewhere. Floor stocks adequate.

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 68 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, wings were in close balance and clearing well. All other items were more than sufficient for the light and cautious buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	45-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	59.67
NO. OF BOXES	9,351

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	898	115.00-189.00	130-135	136.84
TENDERLOINS	176	140.00-205.00	140-145	149.09
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	66.00-75.00	-	66.63
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	27.00-37.00	27-29	28.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	791	16.50-19.50	17-19	17.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,216	19.00-22.00	20-21	20.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	93	47.00-54.00	47-49	50.96
WINGS (CUT)	432	51.00-76.00	54-56	55.64
DRUMSTICKS	49	27.00-37.00	-	28.84
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JUNE 13, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE
33.25 - 37.25	34.85

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	690	115.00-189.00	130-135	133.65
TENDERLOINS	180	148.00-205.00	148-152	155.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	186	66.00-75.00	67-68	69.87
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	49	27.00-37.00	28-29	28.84
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	671	17.00-19.50	17-19	17.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,176	19.00-22.00	20-22	20.89
WINGS (WHOLE)	93	47.00-54.00	48-49	50.96
WINGS (CUT)	542	51.00-74.00	56-58	55.51
DRUMSTICKS	49	27.00-37.00	-	28.84
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JUNE 14, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
34.00 - 37.25	35.31	35.06

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest was typically quiet for midweek. Offerings were adequate to ample and boneless, skinless breasts remained in the longest position. Retail and distributive movement was mostly slow to occasionally fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on breast items. Wings were steady to fully steady. The balance of items was steady at best.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	134.28	533,790
TENDERLOINS	145-150	148.80	134,495
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	70.13	302,000
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	61.44	162,000
LEGS	34-35	39.75	202,920
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.79	638,396
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	41.11	126,787
THIGHS	28-29	33.56	105,223
B/S THIGHS	84-85	89.18	52,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53	60.76	356,872
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	72,440
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.07	46,465
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.17	66,680

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	132.97	493,000
TENDERLOINS	145-150	150.13	127,880
BREAST - WITH RIBS	62-63	68.81	289,200
BREAST - LINE RUN	62	60.01	108,400
LEGS	34-35	39.81	171,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	24.20	549,072
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.35	134,470
THIGHS	28-29	34.14	92,520
B/S THIGHS	84-85	90.41	58,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	52-53	61.18	338,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	76,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.38	43,080
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.88	75,720

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	06/14	06/13	06/12	06/09	06/12
ALA	3,811	4,109	3,919	4,809	5.07
ARK	5,128	5,290	5,199	5,413	4.96
DELMARVA	2,431	2,462	2,406	2,538	5.08
KY-LA-TN	2,126	2,072	2,067	2,084	4.55
MISS	2,743	2,679	2,729	3,302	5.07
NC	2,519	2,592	2,615	2,688	5.91
TEXAS	2,349	2,347	2,366	2,346	4.80
TOTAL	21,107	21,551	21,301	23,180	5.07
MON-WED 64,159 (A)					63,935 (A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Jun 00 is estimated to be 31,578,000 up 1.30 percent from a week ago and up 4.7 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 30,151,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-82
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	299
RABBITS-CUT UP	309

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-96
	DRY PACK	102-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94
	DRY PACK	98
DUCKS		148-160

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Jun-00

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/17/00 (1)	06/10/00
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	163,932 (2)	161,100
LT HENS	1,930	1,960
HVY HENS	1,635	1,608
TOTAL	167,497	164,668

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 17-Jun-00 is 158.5 million head compared to 158.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.3 million head or 5.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 24-Jun-00 the estimated available is 158.8 million head.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT

(IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/12/00	06/05/00	06/14/99	06/12/00	06/05/00	06/14/99
PACIFIC COAST	21,416	21,413	36,895	13,191	13,495	19,180
LOS ANGELES	406	404	1,225	4,364	4,418	10,481

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 06/13/00

	LO	HI	AVG		LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.50	2.00	1.03	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.50	4.50	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.70	.54	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.10	3.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	1.00	4.75	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	.75	1.60	-
ROOSTERS lb.	1.00	1.45	1.07	ROOSTERS ea.	1.40	4.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	.20	-	GEESE ea.	2.00	5.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	.25	.65	.27	TURKEYS ea.	2.25	3.25	-
DUCKS lb.	1.00	1.70	1.33	DUCKS ea.	1.00	8.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.80	1.25	1.05	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.00	6.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	3.75	6.75	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	.50	1.00	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	6.50	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	EMU ea.	25.00	42.50	-
TOTAL COOPS	139						

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2000

HENS		RANGE
	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-58
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	58-64

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending June 9, 2000

	Whole Chickens	Legs Breasts	Necks, Backs W/Thighs	& Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	74.06	137.15	77.72	27.43	6.86	54.86
High	75.43	146.30	86.86	32.00	9.14	54.86
Mostly	74.98	137.15	86.86	27.43	6.86	54.86

SAN JUAN

Low	68.12	132.58	73.15	32.00	8.23	52.58
High	70.41	141.72	82.29	36.57	11.43	52.58
Mostly	69.49	132.58	82.29	34.29	9.14	52.58

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	65.38	128.01	73.15	22.86	6.86	52.58
High	75.43	137.15	82.29	32.00	9.14	52.58
Mostly	73.15	137.15	82.29	27.43	6.86	52.58

BECERRA

Low	68.12	128.01	82.29	29.72	8.23	54.40
High	70.41	146.30	91.44	41.15	11.43	54.40
Mostly	69.49	137.15	86.86	37.49	10.06	54.40

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